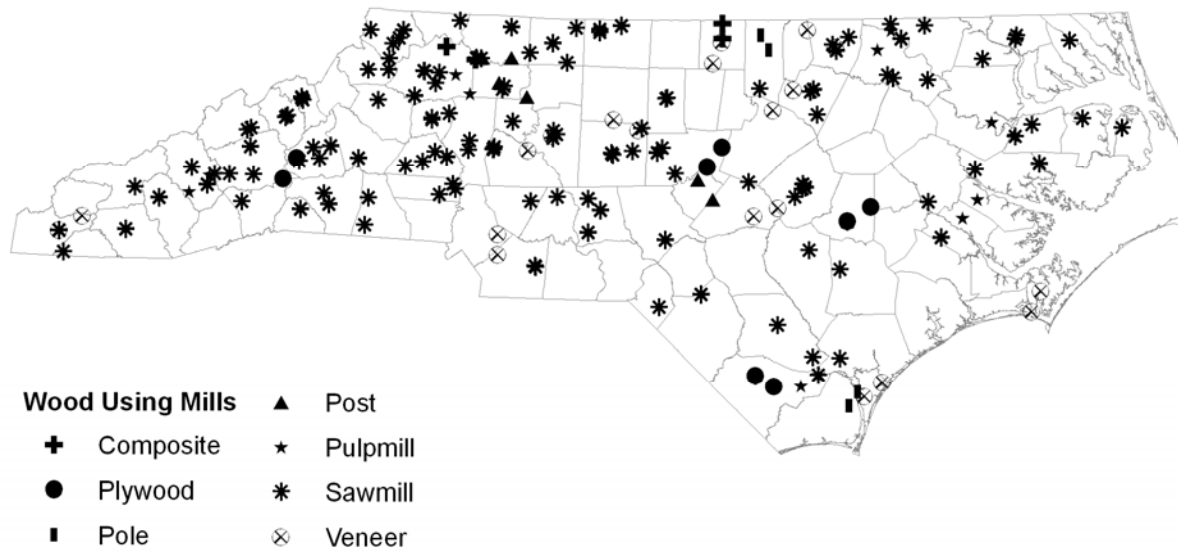


FIGURE 4d-1. NC primary wood-using mills, 2007.



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TABLE 4d-1.—Primary wood-using facilities in North Carolina by mill type and percent change, 1990 – 2007

Mill Type	Year										Percent (%) Change 1990 to 2007	Annual percent (%) change
	1990	1992	1994	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007		
Sawmill	308	306	275	273	243	240	215	204	153	136	-78	-4.6
Veneer	32	29	27	27	23	24	20	18	14	14	-86	-5.1
Pulp	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	-35	-2.1
Composite panel	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	-71	-4.2
Other	13	10	8	8	4	4	4	4	4	5	-146	-8.6
All mills	366	357	322	320	280	278	249	235	180	163	-79	-4.7

Source: Cooper, and Mann, 2009

million cubic feet, the lowest output since 1990. However, despite the large number of mills that have closed since 1990, total production from roundwood for all products and species has been relatively flat from 1990 to 2007 (FIGURE 4d-2). From 1990 to 1997, total production increased at the average annual rate of 1.8 percent; whereas from 1997 to 2007, total production of both

hardwood and softwood declined at the average annual rate of 1.3 percent. Both softwood and hardwood production had positive annual growth from 1990 to 1997.

Sawmills

In 2007, North Carolina had 136 sawmills, a net loss of 17 mills since 2005 and only 44 percent of the number of sawmills operating